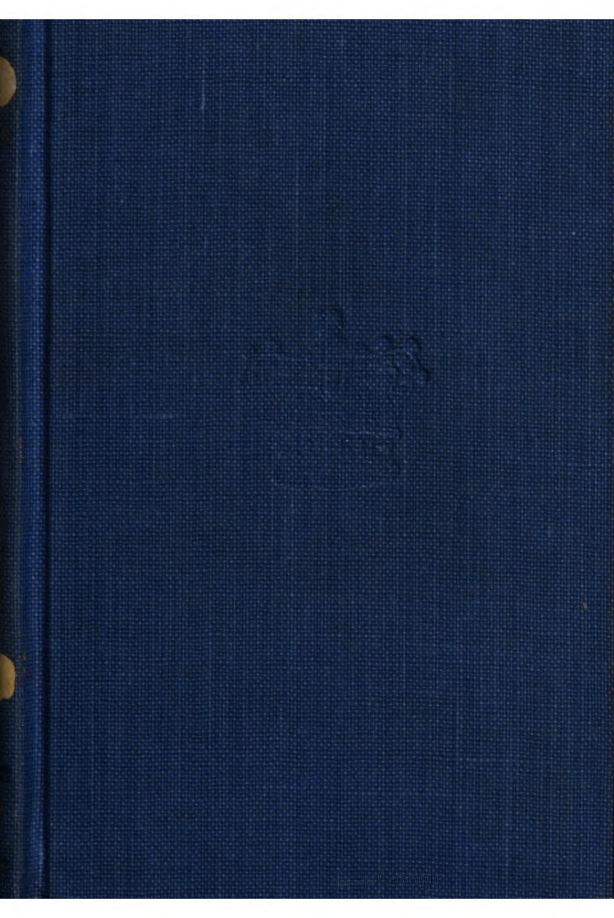

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1. BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT.

LORD, I am not worthy nor deserving that Thou shouldst come under the sordid roof of the habitation of my soul.—Matt. viii. 8.

For it is all desolate and ruinous; neither in me hast Thou a fit place wherein to lay Thy head.—Luke ix. 58.

But as Thou didst vouchsafe to be laid in the stall and manger of brute beasts.—Luke ii. 7.

As Thou didst not disdain to be received into the house of Simon the leper.—Matt. xxvi. 6.

As Thou didst not reject the adulteress, a sinner like unto me, when she approached and touched Thee, nor abhor her impure and profane lips.—Luke vii. 37, 38.

Neither the thief on the cross, when he confessed Thee.—Luke xxiii. 43.

Even so vouchsafe to admit me also, a bruised, a wretched, and exceeding sinful creature, to a communion and participation in the spotless, holy, quickening, and saving sacrament of Thy most blessed body and precious blood.—Liturgy of St. Chrysostom.

Look down, O Lord our God, from Thy holy habitation, and from the throne of glory in Thy kingdom, and come and bless us.—Deut. xxvi. 15.

O Thou who sittest on high with the Father, and here, unseen, art present with us, come down, and sanctify these gifts presented to Thee, and those for whom, and those by whom, and the purposes whereunto they are offered.—Liturgies of St. Chrysostom and St. Basil.

And grant us to partake of them.

In faith that maketh not ashamed.—Rom. v. 5.

In love without dissimulation.—Rom. xii. 9.

To the fulfilment of Thy commandments.—John xiv. 15:

To the exercise of all the fruits of the Spirit.—Gal. v. 22.

To our deliverance from every evil.—Luke xi. 4.

To the preservation of soul and body.—1 Thess. v. 23.

For a symbol of our fellowship.—Acts ii. 42.

For a remembrance of Thy dispensation.

—Eph. iii. 2.

For the shewing of Thy death.—1 Cor. xi. 26.

For the communion of Thy body and blood.

—1 Cor. x. 16.

For the participation of Thy Spirit.—1 Cor. xii. 13.

For the remission of our sins.—Matt. xxvi. 28.

For the avoiding of enemies.—2 Tim. iii. 5.

For the quieting of our consciences.—Matt. xi. 29.

For the blotting out of our transgressions.—Acts iii. 19.

For the purging of our spots.—Heb. ix. 14,

For the healing of our soul's infirmities.—1 Pet. ii. 24.

For the renewal of our covenant.—Ps. i. 5.

For the meat of spiritual life.—John vi. 27.

For increase of strengthening grace.—Heb. xiii. 9.

And of consolation.—Luke ii. 25.

For sorrow unto repentance.—2 Cor. vii. 9.

For the enlightening of our understanding.—Luke xxiv. 31.

For the clothing of humility.—1 Pet. v. 5.

For a seal of our faith.—2 Cor. i. 22.

For the fulness of wisdom.—Rom. xi. 33.

For the bond of love.—John xiii. 35.

For a due account of our oblations.—1 Cor. xvi. 1.

For the armour of sufferance.—1 Pet. iv. 1.

For the awakening of gratitude.—Ps. cxvi.
12.

For confidence in prayer.—Verse 13.

For mutual indwelling.—John vi. 56.

For a pledge of our resurrection.—Verse
54.

For a fit excuse at the judgment.—Luke
xiv. 18.

For a testament of our inheritance.—Luke
xxii. 20.

For a type of our perfection.—John xvii.
23.

That we, with all Thy saints, who from the beginning have pleased Thee, may be made partakers of Thy incorruptible and eternal benefits, which Thou hast prepared, O Lord, for them that love Thee (1 Cor. ii. 9), in whom Thou art glorified for ever.—2 Thess. i. 10.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.—John i. 29.

Take away mine also, for I am a grievous sinner.—1 Tim. i. 15.

We therefore, O Lord, in the presence of
Thy sacrament, being mindful
Of the saving passions of Thy Christ,
Of His life-bestowing cross,
Of His most precious death,
Of His three days' burial,
Of His resurrection from the dead,

Of His ascension into heaven,
Of His seat at the right hand of Thee, His
Father,

Of His second advent in glory and in
terror,

Beseech Thee, O Lord, that we, taking part
in Thy sacraments with the pure tes-
timony of our conscience (2 Cor. i. 12),
may be incorporated in the blessed body
and blood of Thy Christ :

And that, worthily receiving them, we may
have Christ dwelling in our hearts (Eph.
iii. 17), and become a temple of Thy
Holy Ghost.—1 Cor. vi. 19.

Even so, O Lord our God !

And make not any one of us guilty of these
awful and heavenly sacraments, neither
sickly in soul or body by an unworthy
partaking of them.—1 Cor. xi. 27, 30.

But grant us, even to our last and latest
breath, worthily to conceive the hope of
these Thy mysteries.

To our { sanctification,
illumination,
and confirmation.

To the relief of the burden of our many
sins.

To the discomfiture of every assault of the
devil.

To the dismissal and removal of our evil
habits.

For the mortification of our passions,

The observance of Thy commandments,
The increase of Thy heavenly grace,
And the attainment of Thy kingdom.

2. AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT.

We have now finished and consummated, O
Christ our God, according to our ability,
the mystery of Thy dispensation.

For we have received the memorial of Thy
death ;

We have seen the type of Thy resurrec-
tion ;

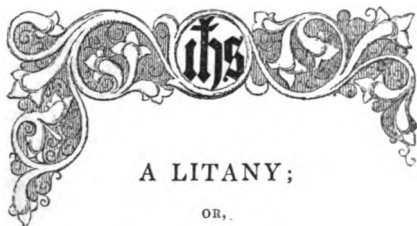
We have been filled with Thy eternal life ;

We have had delight in Thy endearments,
whereof there is no satiety ;

And the enjoyment of which, O Lord God,
we pray Thee to award to all of us in
the world to come.

The good Lord pardon every one that loveth
Him with his whole heart, and seeketh
the Lord God of his fathers, though he
be not cleansed according to the purifi-
cation of the saints. — 2 Chron. xxx.
18, 19.





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OR,

PRAYERS UPON THE LIFE AND DEATH OF OUR
SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

By BISHOP ANDREWS.

O SWEET Saviour, who, for the love of mankind, didst vouchsafe to descend from Thy royal throne, from the bosom of Thy Father, into this vale of misery, and to take on Thee the form of a sinner, even human flesh in the sanctified womb of the most chaste and pure Virgin, and be born without any interruption of her virginity ;

Be pleased of Thy great clemency to make my heart Thy habitation, adorn it to that end with all spiritual graces, and be daily born in me by renewing in my soul a fervent love to Thee ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O blessed Lord, who being God Almighty didst not disdain at Thy birth to be wrapped in swaddling clothes and to be laid in a manger ;

Grant that I may be ever in Thy sight a little infant, in humility and lowliness of spirit : take from me all ambitious thoughts ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O gracious Lord, who at Thy birth wouldst be received into this world with joyful hymns of blessed angels, and be found to the great delight and admiration of poor shepherds ;

Give Thy grace unto me, Thy poor unworthy servant, continually to persevere in Thy praise, to seek Thee with the shepherd's affection, by seeking to find Thee, and finding Thee always to retain and enjoy Thee ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O sweet Jesus, who wert pleased upon the eighth day to be circumcised, and in that most tender age of Thine didst begin to shed Thy blood, merely for the love of me and mankind ;

Cut off, I entreat Thee, all superfluities from my soul, and take from me all evil thoughts, words, and works ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O blessed Christ, who (to the unspeakable comfort of me and all Thine elect) wouldst be called by the saving name of *Jesus* ;

Grant that the memory of this name may ever cause a reverend respect in me toward Thee, and that by it I may be preserved all my life, and at the hour of death ; and *Be merciful to me*

O loving Lord God, who wouldst be found by the wise men which sought Thee with faith and devotion, and who (having found Thee) fell before Thee with oblations of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ;

Be pleased, I beseech Thee, that I may find Thee in spirit, and worship Thee in spirit and truth ; offering unto Thee the gold of bright shining charity, the incense of pure devotion, and the myrrh of perfect mortification ; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who, to leave mankind an example of obedience and humility, wouldst become subject to the law, and be brought to the Temple, and there have offered for Thee the oblations of the poor and not the rich ;

Give me the grace and obedience to subject myself willingly to my governors ; suffer not the least thought of pride to reign in me, but quench in me all haughtiness of spirit, with inordinate love and conceit of myself ; and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who, whilst Thou wert yet young and tender, wert contented to suffer persecution, and fly with Thy blessed mother into Egypt ;

Grant me such ability by Thy grace, whereby I may not only suffer persecution and affliction when it shall please Thee, but also

persecute and punish all wickedness within myself, before it grow too strong for me ; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Jesus, who, being sought for by Thy blessed Mother three days, wouldst be found of her in the Temple ;

Suffer me never to be severed from Thee ; give me such a devotion toward Thee, that I may never be weary in serving Thee, nor satisfied with praising Thee, either in public or private ; and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Lord, who wouldst enter the river Jordan, and there be baptised by Thy forerunner John the Baptist ;

Be pleased that I may be purified in this life by Thy merits, and thereby washed from all my sins ; and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Saviour, who didst continue fasting and praying forty days and nights together in the desert, and after divers temptations didst overcome Satan ;

Grant that I may chastise my flesh, and exercise myself in fasting, watching, prayer, and other spiritual exercises, and subdue all evil affections which rebel against the Spirit ; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Redeemer, who for my sake didst subject Thyself to many sorrows and necessities, to heat, cold, hunger, thirst, weariness, sweat, journeys, persecutions, and tribulations ;

Strengthen me with the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may willingly bear all adversities, as coming from Thy hand ; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who while Thou wert upon earth didst vouchsafe to comfort the sons of men and heal their infirmities ;

Replenish my heart with all pious affection, that I may account the miseries of others as mine own, and supply their necessities in whatsoever I may, according to my ability ; and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who, for Thy love to mankind, didst endure infinite miseries, injuries, calumnies, blasphemies, and revilings, even of those to whom Thou hadst done much good ;

Create in me a heart pure and innocent, which may forgive mine enemies, and love them, rendering good for evil, whereby I may shew myself a true follower of Thy perfect charity and patience ; and

Be merciful to me.

O merciful Saviour, who, to abrogate the ceremonial law, didst eat the Paschal lamb with Thy disciples, and giving them an example of humility, upon Thy knees didst wash their feet ;

Grant that this example may make a deep impression in me ; give me perfect humility, true obedience, and fervent love, whereby I

may love Thee sincerely and all others unfeignedly ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O blessed Lord, who of Thy great love didst institute the blessed sacrament of Thy body and blood, whereby Thou mightest continue with us to the end of the world ;

Stir up in me an earnest desire and longing after this holy sacrament, and grant that I may ever receive it with a chaste love, deep affection, and a pure heart ; and

Be merciful to me.

O loving Lord, who, when Thou wert to leave this world, didst comfort Thy disciples, and with ardent and affectionate prayer didst commend them to the Father, thereby shewing what love Thou didst bear to them, and all others who should believe in Thee ;

Make my heart sensible of this love, and raise in me an earnest affection to Thee, that I may be wholly transformed into the love of Thee ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O merciful Saviour, who, praying in the garden, didst wholly resign Thyself to Thy Father's good pleasure, desiring that not Thy will, but His, should be wholly done ;

Give me grace, that in all adversity and tribulation I may flee to Thee by prayer, and ever commit myself to Thy providence and good pleasure ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O sweet Jesu, who didst suffer Thyself to

be taken and bound as a malefactor, neither didst lament nor murmur whilst Thou wert shamefully entreated by Thy enemies ;

Give me strength, after Thine example, willingly and patiently to endure all adversity and tribulation which shall at any time befall me ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O blessed Saviour, who wouldst be forsaken of Thine own disciples in the midst of Thy troubles and afflictions ;

Pardon me, thy fugitive servant, and receive me into Thy favour ; suffer me not to wander from Thee any more, but give me such constancy and perseverance, that I may continue in Thy service to the end of my days ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O merciful Jesu, who, standing in the presence of the high priest, didst patiently endure a cruel blow ;

Mortify in me all angry affections, that I be not disquieted when I am injured, nor think of revenge, but for Thy sake may bear all things patiently, rendering good for evil ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O gracious Redeemer, who, in the night of Thy passion, wouldst be mocked, derided, and many ways be despitefully handled ;

Help mine infirmities, lend me aid that I faint not under temptations or tribulations, but give me grace to be thankful to Thee for them ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O blessed Lord, who wouldst not reply to the unjust accusations of Thine enemies, but mildly with a deaf ear wouldst let them pass ;

Grant that no slanders may move me to impatience, but that by Thine example I may patiently overcome all that any way defame and injure me ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O loving Saviour, who, being denied by Thy apostle St. Peter, didst look on him with the eye of compassion, and cause him to bewail his offence with bitter tears ;

Look also on me, miserable sinner, with the same gracious and moving aspect, that I may wash away my sins with the tears of repentance, and never deny Thee, my Lord and Saviour, by word or deed ; and

Be merciful to me.

O sweet Jesu, who, being stripped, wouldst be bound to a pillar and scourged, whereby Thy blessed body was torn and wounded ;

Heal my wounds by Thy stripes, take all evil thoughts from me, and grant me patience to endure the strokes of Thy fatherly visitation ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O gracious Lord, who, after so many wounds received, and so much precious blood shed, wert mocked and crowned with a crown of thorns ;

Grant that the remembrance thereof may be imprinted in my heart, and that I may love Thee for Thy exceeding charity, and

wholly think of Thee, wholly contemplate Thy bitter pains ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O bountiful Jesu, who wert pleased with great pain, labour, and weariness, to carry Thine own cross to Mount Calvary, and there to comfort the lamenting women, exhorting them to weep not for Thee, but themselves and children ;

Give me grace with a cheerful mind to bear any cross Thou shalt lay upon me, and to bewail with tears my sinful life past ; and

Be merciful to me.

O merciful Redeemer, who didst suffer Thy sacred hands and feet to be pierced with nails and fastened to the cross, and there didst with great effusion of blood suffer unexpressible torments ;

Grant that I may always, with a faithful and thankful heart, bear in mind Thy exceeding great love, who wouldst endure so great and grievous things for me. Purge and wash my soul, with those streams of Thy most precious blood, from all uncleanness, and offer them to the Father for the full and plenary satisfaction of all my transgressions ; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Lord, who in Thy bitter pains didst intercede with the Father for Thine enemies who crucified Thee ; saying, “ Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do ;”

Give me grace that, according to Thy precept and practice, I may love mine enemies, pray for them, and do good to those who do evil unto me ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O gracious Lord, who, being crucified between two thieves, didst promise to the one of them confessing Thee the fruition of paradise ;

Look upon me with the eyes of pity, where-with Thou beheldest that good thief, and grant I may live so, that at the end of my days I may be found worthy to hear that joyful speech, " This day thou shalt be with me in paradise ;" and *Be merciful to me.*

O sweet Jesu, who, for the grievousness of torments and exceeding loss of blood, didst faint and cry " I thirst," and wert pleased to drink gall and vinegar ;

Let the remembrance of this cup extinguish in me all inordinate riot and excess ; give me the virtue of sobriety, that all inordinate passions being quenched in me, I may wholly thirst after Thee ; and *Be merciful to me.*

O loving Lord, who, when Thou wert so pleased, didst call for death, and bending Thy head didst commend Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father ;

Grant that the uncertainty of my death may be ever in my thoughts, and that I may be ever willing and ready to leave this transitory life when it shall seem good to

Thee, to whose blessed protection I commend my soul, praying Thee to

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who with great sorrow of Thy friends wert taken down from the cross and laid in the sepulchre ;

Bury with Thee all my evil desires, that I may seem dead to those things which displease Thee, and be wholly delighted in Thee my Redeemer ; and

Be merciful to me.

O glorious Lord, who after three days, having overcome and triumphed over Death and Satan, didst rise again out of the grave, and visit Thy disciples and friends ;

Revive me from the death of sin, cause me to walk in newness of life, and to seek after heavenly things, that when Thou comest again, I may appear with Thee in glory ; and

Be merciful to me.

O merciful Saviour, who forty days after Thy resurrection didst gloriously and triumphantly ascend into heaven in the sight of Thy disciples ;

Let it please Thy goodness to infuse a longing desire and love of Thee into my soul, that it may be elevated in affection to Thee, to seek those things which are above ; and

Be merciful to me.

O gracious Lord, who (according to Thy promise before Thy ascension) didst send Thy

Spirit upon Thy disciples, and other Thy elect servants ;

Purify (I beseech Thee) my heart, that the same Spirit, finding my soul pure and clean, may make its abode in it, and adorn it with His manifold graces ; and

Be merciful to me.

O blessed Saviour, who, when Thou shalt at the last day come to judge the quick and the dead, wilt render to every one according to his works, either reward or punishment ;

Give me grace so to pass this earthly pilgrimage according to Thy holy will, that at that day I may be (through Thy merits) thought worthy to be received into Thy heavenly mansion, there to praise and bless Thee with the holy company of blessed saints and angels for evermore ; and

Be merciful to me. Amen.



